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Dickerson Appointed New UT Tyler Dean

Dr. Donna Dickerson has been appointed dean of the School of Liberal Arts at The University of Texas at Tyler, President Rodney H. Mabry announced.

Prior to coming to UT Tyler, Dickerson served as special assistant to the provost at the University of South Florida, where for more than 20 years she assumed various responsibilities in the School of Mass Communications including professor and director. She was interim dean of the graduate school from 1994 to 1997.



DR. DONNA DICKERSON

"Dr. Dickerson brings outstanding qualifications and experience to the position of Dean of the School of Liberal Arts at UT Tyler. Her background in university classrooms and in academic administration, at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, enables her to provide dynamic leadership to the liberal arts programs at UT Tyler," Mabry stated.

Dickerson replaces Dr. Stephen Lefevre who took a position as director of the Ventura campus of California State University-Northridge earlier this year.

She holds a Ph.D. in journalism from Southern Illinois University and master of arts and bachelor of journalism degrees from UT Austin.

A published author, Dickerson's texts include *Florida Media Law*, *The Course of Tolerance: Freedom of Press in 19th Century America*, *Typstick of Texas History and College Student Press Law*, co-authored with Robert Trager. Scheduled for publication this fall is *Freedom of Expression in the 21st Century*, also co-authored with Trager.

She also has published numerous articles and papers, as well as designed and directed several workshops and conferences.

Her professional memberships include Council of Graduate Schools, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communications, Society of Professional Journalists, Association of Schools of Journalism and Mass Communications, Kappa Tau Alpha, Phi Kappa Phi and American Journalism Historians Association (past member of the board of directors).

Dickerson has served on the editorial boards of four publications, including *Communication Law and Policy*, *Journalism Quarterly*, *American Journalism and Mass Communications Review*.

John Davidson's 'Bully' Featured at UT Tyler

UT Tyler will feature "Bully, An Adventure with Teddy Roosevelt," starring actor John Davidson, on Tuesday, Oct. 20 in the 1998-99 Braithwaite Series, according to Bill Fisher, Cowan Center managing director.

Beginning at 8 p.m. in the Cowan Center's Vaughn Auditorium, "Bully" is one of eight outstanding performances featured this season.

Tickets are \$28 for all seats. Student and group discounts are available. For ticket information, contact the Cowan Center Box Office at 566-7424. Box office hours are 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Full price tickets also may be purchased, by credit card only, by calling 1-888-597-7827.

Other performances this season include National Acrobats of China, Nov. 4; Vienna Choir Boys, Feb. 19; and The Boys Choir of Harlem, April 20.

The Braithwaite Series also will feature three performances presented by the East Texas Symphony Orchestra: Lisitsa and Kuznetsoff - Dual Pianos, Nov. 21; Nexus - Canadian Percussion, Jan. 9; and Joan Morris and William Bolcom, March 20.

The Braithwaite Series is made possible through the generous support of Mrs. David G. Braithwaite.

"Bully, An Adventure with Teddy Roosevelt" is a funny and compelling portrait of America's best-known political roughrider. The one-person play by Jerome Alden depicts Roosevelt's pet causes of land preservation, monopoly busting and animal welfare, from his political campaigns through his triumphant "charge" up San Juan Hill.

Davidson, who made his Broadway debut in 1964, starred on Broadway in the musical "Oklahoma!" and toured nationally in productions of "State Fair" and "Music Man." He also was host of television's "Hollywood Squares," "The John Davidson Show," the "Tonight Show" and "That's Incredible!" and starred in "The Entertainers" with Carol Burnett.

Theatre Department Presents 'Ravenscroft'

The UT Tyler Department of Theatre will present "Ravenscroft," a murder mystery by Don Nigro, according to Dr. James Hatfield, associate professor of theatre and director of theatre programs.

The performances of "Ravenscroft" will be at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 23 - 24 in The Theatre on the UT Tyler campus.

Hatfield is director of the production.

Faculty and staff may receive two complimentary tickets to the performance.

For more information, call the Department of Theatre at 566-7253.

UT Tyler Debate Team Earns Top Honors

The UT Tyler Debate Team earned top honors at two recent tournaments, according to Dr. Jack Rogers, faculty advisor to the speech and debate team and assistant professor of communication.

UT Tyler won the Sunflower Swing Tournament in Kansas and St. Mary's Fall Scrimmage in San Antonio.

The UT Tyler team of Craig McGee and Keith Peterson won the Sunflower Swing Tournament defeating the 1997 national championship team from Concordia University and taking first place with a victory over Creighton University during the final rounds.

Peterson was named top speaker, and McGee was third speaker.

Chad Martin and Nathan Trager also represented UT Tyler with three wins at the Sunflower Swing.

UT Tyler's Rod Roberson claimed first place honors to secure a first place sweepstakes for the team at St. Mary's tournament. Paderick McFreen earned overall top speaker recognition. Other winners included Chris Dickson, Art Rennels, Seth LeVine and Michael Reed.

in the spotlight . . .

Karin Gilliam, instructor and director of exhibitions for the Department of Art, received an arts administration certification from New York University in the summer of 1998. She also has been awarded professional education grants from Mid-America Arts Alliance/NEA and UT Tyler Friends of the Arts.

Marianthi Coroneou, coordinator of Teaching English as a Second Language, has been appointed a member of the board of directors of El Centro Hispano de Tyler. She will serve in an advisory capacity concerning its ESL Program.

Dr. **James Joseph**, assistant professor of political science, was interviewed by KTBB Radio on Sept. 10 and by KLTV Channel 7 on Sept. 11 regarding impeachment and the independent counsel's report of President Bill Clinton.

Gary C. Hatcher, assistant professor of art, has been invited to curate an exhibition for the Tyler Museum of Art. The exhibition, titled "Deep in the Clay of Texas," features ceramic art of 26 artists and is on display through Nov. 1.

Shellie O'Neal, lecturer in theatre, presented a paper titled "Legendary Performers of East Texas" at the regional meeting of the East Texas Historical Association on Sept. 26 at Stephen F. Austin State University.

Lisa Davis-Allen, lecturer in art history, presented her research on "The National Palette: Painting and Map-Coloring in the Seventeenth Century Dutch Republic" at the 14th Annual International Congress of Aesthetics in Ljubljana, Slovenia on Sept. 2. The paper also will be published in the journal proceedings.

Dr. **Shirley M. Jones**, associate professor of counselor education, has been nominated for the Texas Association for Counselor Educator/Supervisor (TACES) Award, which will be presented at the Texas Counseling Association November 1998 Conference. She was nominated by alumni and other professional school counselors in the region.

PERSONNEL UPDATE

NEW EMPLOYEES

Donna Dickerson
Dean and Professor
School of Liberal Arts
BUS 215B, Ext. 7397
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Ledia Dow
Secretary
School of Liberal Arts
BUS 215, Ext. 7391
Effective 9/21/98

Ludene Durham
Senior Secretary
School of Sciences
and Mathematics
SCI 129A, Ext. 7402
Effective 9/14/98

Dr. Hassan El Kishky
Assistant Professor
Department of Electrical
Engineering
ENG 106, Ext. 5580
Effective 9/25/98

Derek Fisher
Manager of Information
Systems
Information Resources
ADM 224, Ext. 7106
Effective 9/01/98

Kristi Fisher
Manager of Adm.
Information Systems
Financial Services
ADM 122C, Ext. 7225
Effective 9/01/98

Michelle Hames
Counselor
Learning Assistance
Center
LIB 103, Ext. 5532
Effective 9/2/98

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Livingston**
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Student Services
UC 285, Ext. 7197
Effective 9/28/98

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Assistant
Office of Human
Resources
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Ruth York
Financial Analyst
Financial Services
ADM 114, Ext. 7451,
Effective 9/9/98

SERVICE RECOGNITION

Shawnda Kennedy, admissions counselor, will be celebrating 5 years of continuous service at the university October 18.

1998 - 1999 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The following holiday schedule has been approved by UT System for UT Tyler staff members:

November 26 - 27, Thanksgiving;
December 23 - 31, Christmas*;
January 1, New Year's Day;
January 18, Martin Luther King Jr. Day;
March 18 - 19, Spring Break*

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